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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002. In view of the following response, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,631 B1. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. To obviate the rejection, however, a terminal disclaimer of the term extending beyond the term of U.S. Patent 6,254,631 has been filed herewith.